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Proposal to start an Irrigation Panchayat in the Kistna Western Division.

* 201 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have under contemplation the starting of an Irrigation Panchayat as an experiment in any place in the Kistna Western Division; if not, why not?

A.—No. The Collector has the power to transfer channels to the control and management of irrigation panchayats in consultation with the Executive Engineer.

Repairs to the Karikulavakam Thangal bund.

* 202 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. DHARMALINGAM PILLAI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Karikulavakam Thangal bund (I.T. 477) gave way and overflowed on the neighbouring cheri on many occasions;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Chief Engineer for Irrigation inspected the spot on 17th September 1927, and passed orders in 1928, to raise the thangal bund and combine it with the adjacent tank (I.T. 465) into one source, and whether in view of that proposal an estimate for Rs. 4,000 was submitted in 1929–30 to combine the tank with the thangal;

(*c*) if so, why no further action was taken in the matter;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that Government have spent about Rs. 4,250 in the years 1931 and 1932 in strengthening the Karikulavakam tank bund (I.T. 465) to save the Hindu residential quarters of Vishnuvakam and Karikulavakam villages adjoining it from inundation;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that no repairs have been carried out by the Public Works Department to the said thangal (I.T. 477) for the last 20 years;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that during floods the supplying sluice from the tank (I.T. 465) to the thangal (I.T. 477) discharges heavy floods endangering the paracheri every year; and

(*g*) whether the Government have any proposal before them to protect the cheri from inundations?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no information. It is reported that the cheri is not in danger of inundation.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The proposal was dropped for three reasons, viz., that it involved the raising of the Full Tank Level of the Thangal by 3½ feet rendering the Pudur village and foreshore lands liable to submersion, that the surplus of the tank which is now flowing into the Velliyur tank will